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MEMORANDUM FOR:

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Information and Privacy Coordinator

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Chief, Classification Review Branch

SUBJECT:

CRB Weekly Report, 16-22 November 1988

1. Items of Special Interest

a. The Counsel to the President has directed an inter-Agency review of an estimated 500,000 pages of President Nixon's White House documents prior to the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) opening these documents to the public on December 9, 1988. The White House wishes to assure itself that all records which should be withheld because of executive privilege or national security considerations are protected. Two senior review officers from the Classification Review Branch are representing the Agency in this review. The Nixon files are grouped by subject matter and each set of files has an index prepared by NARA. The agency review will concentrate first on those files thought most likely to contain information of

interest or concern to CIA. As time permits, CIA will then assist other agencies in reviewing or sampling general interest files not specifically

thought to contain information pertaining to national security. The review is taking place on 21, 22 and 23 November 1988 at the NARA facility in Alexandria, Va.

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b. At the request of the Office of Congressional Affairs, CRB and DO have recently reviewed two sets of transcripts of classified Congressional hearings. Senator Pell of Rhode Island wishes to publish the transcripts, or portions thereof, in an unclassified Congressional historical series. One set, dating from 1969, concerned security agreements and commitments in

The second set, all 1965 material, included DCI Raborn testimony on a coup in the Dominican Republic, Ambassador Lodge testimony on forces build up in Vietnam, and AID testimony on military and other assistance to Korea.

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2. Historical Review Program

a. The Historical Review Staff has devoted most of its time to developing effective processing procedures for the FOIA review of the Dulles Papers. After meeting with representatives from DO's FOIA processing group, FPLG/IMS, it has been determined that HRS review procedures will follow DO's FOIA processing procedures as closely as possible. Early examination of some of the Dulles papers noted documents that are badly deteriorated, apparently from water damage that may have occurred while the documents were stored at the Dulles home where environmental conditions wreaked havoc with the poor quality paper. To prevent further damage, fragile the documents are being placed in plastic document protectors, and, once the review work is completed, will be returned to Records Center for retention in an acid-free environment.

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